

KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2001

KCASAAB Members Present: Joan Clement, Linda Brown (awaiting Council confirmation), Nancy Code, Yasmin Smith

KCASAAB Members Excused: Jim Harbaugh, Joyce Proudlock, Bob Seidensticker, Keith Williams

Staff Attending: Dick Andrews, Cynthia Berg, Tony Ceballero, Jodi Riley Kauer, Marty Lindley, Geoff Miller, Rhoda Naguit, Jean Robertson

Guests Present: Gerry Coughlin, Alcohol-Drug Helpline; Harvey Funai, Edie Henderson, State Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse; Pat Knox, Recovery Centers of King County; Kim Murillo, Stonewall Recovery Services; Sarajane Siegfriedt, Association of Alcoholism and Addiction Programs; Al Sweeten, Seattle Indian Health Board

The regular meeting of the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board (KCASAAB) was convened at the Conference Room of the Dutch Shisler Sobering Center, 1930 Boren Avenue in Seattle. In the absence of Chair Jim Harbaugh, Joan Clement called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m., followed by introductions of all members and guests.

I. MINUTES

There is no quorum to approve the July 12, 2001 meeting minutes.

II. REVIEW OF CHAT PROVISO

As a review, the Metropolitan King County Council has required that the Department of Community and Human Services (DCHS) submit a report on options regarding the use of Cedar Hills Addiction Treatment Facility (CHAT) due to its significant annual budget deficiency. A work group was formed in May 2001 to develop potential scenarios for CHAT with revenue and expenditure projections for each. Since then, several changes have occurred which made some previously thought of scenarios were no longer applicable or necessary to pursue.

A draft revised CHAT proviso was presented to the board for comments. Jean Robertson said that much work was put into this document. The report will be submitted this week to Barbara Gletne, Department Director, for review and will forward it to DCHS Management Team for their input and discussion. After a department review of the

report, it will be submitted to King County Executive Ron Sims for review before he sends it over to the Metropolitan King County Council for final action.

Jean walked them through the document. The newly developed report contains three broadly arranged scenarios:

- Scenario 1: CHAT remains in operation as an Addiction Treatment Facility
- Scenario 2: Reconfigure services at CHAT to include post-treatment housing and outpatient treatment
- Scenario 3: Discontinue Operations

Under Scenario I, there are Options A-C. Option A is current contracts plus working agreement with the City of Auburn to provide treatment for 15 misdemeanor offenders who are in need of drug and/or alcohol treatment at CHAT per month during the implementation of their four-month pilot project. Option B is a combination of Option A and additional contract with the Veteran's Administration for six new beds at \$54 per day. Option C is combining contracts under Options A & B plus the King County Correctional Facility Project. This was proposed recently to MHCADSD. All costs have been taken into account based on bed rate. The negative part of this Option C is that it will require CX funding for the \$4.86 new deficit per day bed.

Scenario 2 is a relatively new concept and still underdeveloped. There is no answer to a lot of questions under this Scenario.

Linda Brown inquired if the implementation of the provision and scenario is mainly a financial decision. Jean responded that inclusion of Scenario 2 in the Proviso would depend on Department Director Barbara Gletne's decision. She might or might not decide to forward this scenario to the King County Council.

There was a discussion on projected number of ADATSA and SSI beds and the possibility of negotiating increase in bed rates. It was also highly recommended to negotiate with State DASA to retain the capacity in King County.

Scenario 3: Discontinue CHAT operation. This is a last resort option. If ever King County Council chooses to implement this scenario, we hope it will be made on January 1, 2002 to provide ample time to close books by June 2002.

The board recommended that before the last scenario is considered that the County Council take a look at the issue as a whole package. Find out where the real costs are. There was a suggestion to ask Public Health to be more aggressive in Medicaid billing for medical services

Geoff inquired whether the Division would solicit input on the CHAT Proviso report outside of the board. Jean stated that due to time constraint this might not be possible. However, for further inquiries and comments about the proposed CHAT proviso, email

them to Marty Lindley. Her email address is marty.lindley@metrokc.gov. The report will be submitted to the King County Executive by September 1st.

The board will send a letter to Jackie MacLean, Acting Manager of King County Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division, in support of maintaining CHAT as an addiction treatment facility and looking into some other options e.g. OJOMP. The County has already invested so much on CHAT; they can not just let go of it that easy.

Geoff pointed out that this is not just a CHAT issue. The real issue is capacity retention.

III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Workshop Proposals

The Providers Services Integration Committee sent out an announcement about a call for workshop proposals from King County colleagues who are interested in sharing to others how they have implemented local best practices in providing services and care to those clients with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness disorders. The Committee will screen, evaluate, and select up to nine proposals for the training sessions on October 3, 2001 at the Urban Horticulture Center at the University of Washington from 1pm to 4pm. This will precede the Annual Exemplary Service Awards celebration later that day at the same location.

For further inquiry regarding this event, phone Patrick Vanzo at (206) 296-0615 or email patrick.vanzo@metrokc.gov

B. Councilmember's Board Attendance

Councilmember Maggi Fimia will be attending the joint board meeting on September 13, 2001. Rhoda Naguit received this information from Councilmember Fimia's legislative aide.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Prepared by:

Attested by:

Rhoda A. Naguit
Recording Secretary

Joan Clement
Board Member